

October & November 2026

Kiwanis Club of Dubois

Organized May 1992



Serving the
children of the world

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time.

Meetings @ St Thomas' Church Community Room
Weekly on Tuesdays through October, 7:00 am
First & Third Tuesdays November thru March, 7:00 am

Meeting Dates/Program Planning

Oct 6 Cyndi Dugan
Oct 13 Board/Business
Oct 20 Brad Lindsey
Oct 27 Jennet Ballinger



Nov 3 Kristi Perry
Nov 10 Board Meeting: 8:00 am (No breakfast)
Nov 17 Karen McCullough
Dec 1 Kyle Neary

News and Notices

~ What fun it was to surprise our 50+ year member **Ron Blevins** at his house on the morning of his 90th birthday August 21 ☺

~ **Highway cleanup** was completed Sept 15 by 8 energetic members, plus Rick Metzger and Jerry Perry

~ **Installation dinner** in Riverton was attended by nine Dubois members and one guest, plus several from Riverton & Lander. It's our turn to host next year.

~ **Reading help** is requested in 1st & 4th grades. Let Michele know if you are able to assist.

~ **Ruby K Pins** were presented to Jennet and Michele for bringing 5 or more members into the club

~ Jennet and Pat represented our club at the **Rocky Mtn District Convention** in Pueblo, CO and won the trophy for most miles traveled to the event. Karen & Mike donated a Wyoming themed basket for the silent auction. Proceeds went to Circle K & Key Club.

Congratulations and thank you to our elected leaders Oct 1, 2026 – Sept 30, 2027

President Michele Burdick, President-Elect Pat Ballinger
Secretary Jennet Ballinger, Treasurer Karen McCullough,
Directors Cyndi Dugan, Peggy Emanuel, Robin Mitchum

Denny Hill, Co-Lt Governor of RMD Div 9, installed Fremont County Kiwanis officers at a wonderful gathering in Riverton on Sept 27. The team of Denny Mike, Karen, Brad and Sheryl won the pre-dinner *Name That Tune* contest!

Upcoming Events/Projects/Activities

Oct 5-9 **Kiwanis Youth Protection Week**

Oct 19 – 23 **Scholastic Book Fair**

Kiwanis will provide a book to every child Pre-K through 5th grade via WCF Literacy grant

Oct 21 **WHF Monthly Wellness Screening**
7:30– 10 am at Dubois Medical Clinic

Oct 31 **Halloween at Dubois Museum, 3-5 pm**
Set up day/time to be announced

Oct 28 **Speedy Rams Costume Run, 3:30 pm**
Dubois Elementary Playground

Nov 1 **Daylight Saving Time Ends**
Turn clocks back 1 hour

Nov 18 **WHF Monthly Wellness Screening**
7:30-10 am at Dubois Medical Clinic

TBA **String lights at St. Thomas**

Nov 26 **HAPPY THANKSGIVING**

Nov 29 **Community Cowboy Christmas**

Volunteers providing 50/50 treats:

Karen McCullough (October)
Kristi Perry (November)
Kyle Neary (December)

Celebrate!

Happy Birthday ~

Oct 9 Pat Neary
Nov 7 Kristi Perry
Nov 24 Cyndi Dugan

Happy Anniversary ~

Oct 8 Kristi & Jerry Perry



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Meeting Notes/Programs Aug & Sept 2026

Aug 4: *Forming community and perfecting the spiritual exercise of porch sitting* is often a mantra for those who spend time at Ring Lake Ranch. Established in 1966 by the Rev. Maggie Kahin, the Ranch is a non-profit ecumenical retreat center in the Wind River Valley outside of Dubois. Maggie hosted the first guests in 1966 as the Director and staffed it entirely with volunteers until her death in 1984. Starting in 1968, Maggie also began serving as the pastor of the Methodist Church in Pavillion. According to our program guest Amy Mears, Interim Director, the ranch welcomes everyone to enjoy a variety of outdoor experiences, along with seminars. The facility is open from late May through early September, with a programming schedule available in the Spring. Locals are welcome to attend various seminars at no charge. Detailed information about programming and reservations is available at ringlake.org or by emailing info@ringlake.org

50/50 Amy (Reenie), Jennet, Peggy, Robin

Aug 11: Board (*minutes on file/e-mailed to members*)
50/50 Cyndi, Karen, Mike, Michele

Aug 18: Dan Schmidt arrived in Dubois last spring to become the interim Superintendent of Fremont County School District #2. Having grown up in eastern Colorado, he completed education degrees in Montana and Colorado and was also stationed in Alaska during time in the military. He has served as a Superintendent in Colorado, Montana and Wyoming, and brings goals to Dubois that include better communication, improved math scores, and expanded career fields for students. He is also promoting the awareness of being “Stronger Together” through COURAGE (Collaboration, Ownership, Unity, Respect, Accountability, Growth and Excellence) and said he welcomes input from the community.

50/50 Pat B, Peggy, Dan

Aug 25: Becki Burnett Neidens has spent over 20 years leading outdoor adventure and wellness programs, which continue to shape her approach to wellness: fresh air, movement, and a strong sense of community. In addition to holding degrees in Exercise Physiology and Physical Education teaching, Becki is also a certified yoga instructor and ADHD coach. As the current manager of Duffy’s Fitness and Therapy Center, Becki understands it is a community space, built for the people of Dubois from all walks of life. Dubois Medical Center, Inc. oversees the center and equipment and Becki mentioned the Studio within Duffy’s is available for community use. There is also in need for new trainers and yoga instructors so class offerings can be expanded. Current class offerings and membership information can be viewed at <https://www.duboisyyoga.com/>

50/50 Becki, Karen, Jennet

Sept 1: Having grown up in Laramie, Robin Mitchum returned to his Wyoming roots following a 30+ year career as a music educator in Colorado. When delivering musical instruments to families in Colorado, he was presented with an opportunity to repair a Pump (Reed) organ that was sitting in a rental property. This type of organ, with less octaves than a piano, became popular in homes and small churches during the 1870s and uses free reeds to generate sound. The instrument has thousands of pieces with cabinet & case, foot pedals, exhaust bellows, reservoir, springs, keys, individual brass reeds, draw knobs, levers and more! Robin explained his 6-month restoration process and returned the instrument to the family in Colorado in working condition. Word spread quickly and he now finds himself with a few more in his Dubois garage. We are grateful for Robin’s membership in Kiwanis and his willingness to volunteer in school music classes

50/50 Karen, Brad, Kyle

Sept 8: Board (*minutes on file & emailed to members*)
50/50 Peggy, Mike, Kristi

Sept 15: Rick Metzger serves as the President and Board Chair of the Western Fremont County Humane Society (WFCHS), a 501(c)3 organization. Rick, along with seven other board members and four Quasi-board members, are dedicated animal lovers who devote many volunteer hours. Established in 1991, the focus of WFCHS is to return pets to owners or find homes for those without. Veterinarian costs for rescued or lost dogs and cats are covered by the organization. Through WFCHS, animal owners can take advantage of a Cost Share for spay and neuter, an annual dog wash, Strutt Your Mutt fun day and a low cost vaccination clinic. WFCHS also maintains Gizmo’s Park which includes a play area for dogs, picnic shelter and walking trails. Funded primarily through donations, WFCHS covers the area from Diversion Dam to Togwotee Pass. <https://www.wfchs.org/copy-of-foster-adopt>

50/50 Kyle, Peggy

Sept 22: Dubois K-12 Art teacher Tim Reese outlined components of an *Empty Bowls* project to be organized by students in his high school PEAK class (**P**ersonal **E**xploration, **A**chievement & **K**nowledge). The project will require bowls, to be created by students and potters, plus soup & bread makers, a venue, advertising and more. The goal is to raise money for food related charities. As students plan the event, they will need to collaborate, problem solve, communicate, budget funds, identify resources, and use other skills derived from the Wyoming Profile of a Graduate (an initiative led by the State Board of Education). The target date for *Empty Bowls* in Dubois is Saturday, February 13, 2027 - the day before the Super Bowl and the start of Random Acts of Kindness Week.

50/50 Tim, Karen, Pat, Brad

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